



The Richmond Claddagh

JUNE 2011

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The Richmond Irish American Society

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HEY!! YOU!!! this could be **YOU** having fun **On June 5th** at the **World Famous IAS Summer Picnic!!!**

Starting at 1 pm at Pat and Helen Burke's farm in Amelia). Burgers, hot dogs and condiments are provided, but you are asked to please bring a side dish or dessert to share, beverages for you and yours, and lawn chairs. This is a wonderful way to get to know the other members, and it's a beautiful country setting and always one of our big turnout events. – It's a short drive out for such a good time!!

Picnic Driving Directions: From Helen Warriner Burke - Take 360 West out of Richmond. After crossing the Appomattox River into Amelia, go about 3-4 miles and you will see a billboard on your side of the road. Karon Bell generally has balloons or a sign up to warn you to turn. Slide over into the left lane and about a half mile further turn left onto 627, which is Cheatham's Road. (DON'T turn onto 628 which comes first - that's not Cheatham's Road) The Salvage Shed is at the corner of 627. Go about 3/4 of a mile down Cheatham's (627) and the picnic is at the two-story white house on the left. The number, 9943, is on the mailbox. If you have any problems, call 804-561-5778 or 804-366-6925.



Road Bowlers 2009 Joe O'Brien, Joan Finnegan, Tom Moloney, Mary O'Brien



The Lunch Bunch!



Road Bowlers Kathryn O'Meara, Jim Bandeleian, Dan Begley & Dave (?) from the Irish Band. (2009)



Ed Gordon & Sonya Moore

GUARANTEED TO THE BEST TIME TO BE HAD ON JUNE 5TH IN AMELIA VIRGINIA! BE THERE OR BE SQUARE!!!

BRING THE KIDS! BRING THE GAMES! BRING YOUR CAMERAS! THE FUN IS A'WAITING!

QUESTIONS = CALL KARON BELL 804-982-7835

Clann Mhór

The Virginia Blue Ridge Railroad Project

We received the following note from Pam Hardy on the May 14th IAS outing to Crozet VA, to the site of the *Clann Mhór* Project. I, for one, am so sad to have missed the trip and hope that this becomes an annual or at least regular event. All we Irish are in debt to the wonderful VA team working so hard to publicize this historic site. Keep up with the VA project at their website - <http://clannmhor.blogspot.com/>

Nancy, I just wanted to let you know Frank and I went with a total of about 9 IAS members to Crozet for the tunnel tour and the pub and music get together. The tour was amazing, too difficult to describe: the fog, the mist and the long dark tunnel at the end of a trail in the brush. With flashlights and real torches we went about 700 feet into the darkness. We saw the springs running into it and layers of locally kilned bricks from the 1850's, which had given away. The brickwork was amazing as well as seeing the spike marks in the granite made with men pounding the metal spikes and then using gunpowder to blast away a little bit of rock. This was before dynamite was invented. The food and music were good and we made good friends with the people from Albemarle and Augusta Counties. It was truly an amazing experience.



This photo from Frank Hardy and there are more from the IAS trip at this website

<https://picasaweb.google.com/112933632959748484391/DropBox?authkey=Gv1sRgCPKvtMqQ6KGbUg&feat=email>

Sacred Ground: *Clann Mhór* asks that the proposed trail also honor the sad history behind it. This land is much more than a potential playground for outdoor enthusiasts. Our members tell me there is a special "feel" or aura to the tunnel as you walk through.

From our Program Chairman – Dan Begley,

Nancy – Please let folks know that **Wednesday, August 17th** is Irish Night at the Richmond Diamond. There will be a band playing on the concourse and we have box seats for \$10. Ask folks to let me know if they plan to attend at 740-5631. Thanks, Dan

Here is some additional information that I got regarding Irish Night –

Hi Nancy - Thank you for your interest in our **Irish Heritage Night!** We are looking forward to a fun time! Irish Heritage Night is on Wednesday, August 17th and we are calling it our **Summertime St. Patty's Day Celebration,**

The Gate opens at 6pm with the game starting at 7:05pm. The game is between the Richmond Flying Squirrels – Double-A affiliate of the San Francisco Giants and the Bowie BaySox – Double-A affiliate of the Baltimore Orioles. www.squirrelsbaseball.com

The players will all be wearing Green Shamrock jerseys that will be auctioned off to benefit our Irish Night sponsor, The International Child-Fund organization. <http://www.childfund.org>

The Su Tarr band will perform pre-game on the main stage with a blend of Irish and Celtic music. Su is an IAS favorite and friend – and the finest Irish/Celtic fiddler in these here parts. And also, the **Muggivan School of Irish Dance** will also perform in between innings showing off their great abilities!

County Monaghan Baptism Records: The Irish Family History Foundation's Online Research Service (ORS) is pleased to announce the availability of the first **32,000 baptism records for County Monaghan.**

These records cover the parishes of: Carrickmacross, Donaghmoynne, Drummully-Currin, Ematrix, Errigal Truagh, Inishkeen, Magheross, Monaghan, Tydavnet See [our source list for more information.](#)

Further birth, death and marriage records for Co.

Monaghan will follow soon. Just go to <http://monaghan.rootsireland.ie> Please check out the [interactive map](#) Irish Family History Foundation, Main St. Newbridge, Co. Kildare. Email: enquiries@rootsireland.ie

And – for your listening pleasure - we have this note and link from Jim Bandeleen. Here is the link to the **LiveIreland** site for great Irish music all day long, for Traditional/Folk or Contemporary. Just be sure to set your RealPlayer playbacks setting to 12 hours – found under preferences - for longer play times. Jim says he has it on most days. Helps keeps it calm through all the mayhem around the old workplace – don't ya know.

Enjoy! <http://my.liveireland.com/>

Father Duffy and the "Fighting Sixty-Ninth"



On June 26, 1932, Father Francis P. Duffy, the Chaplain for the "Fighting 69th" during World War I, died in New York City. Father Francis P. Duffy, pastor of Our Savior parish in the Bronx, was appointed chaplain of the 69th Infantry Regiment of the New York National Guard in 1914 he was already an old hand at being a military chaplain, having served as one in 1898 during the Spanish American War, although he never saw duty overseas during that brief conflict.

The Irish descended Duffy and the regiment were a good fit. Formed during the Civil War and part of the Irish Brigade, the 69th earned its "fighting" sobriquet, according to legend, when General Robert E. Lee at Fredericksburg, told that the 69th had made a gallant assault against the Confederate lines, and recalling the regiment from the Seven Days battles, stated "Ah yes - That fighting 69th."

The most celebrated U.S. Army chaplain in the Great War, Father Francis Patrick Duffy, a Roman Catholic priest, was born in Cobourg, Canada, and was ordained in 1896. He attended the Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C., and then was appointed professor of psychology and ethics at St. Joseph's Seminary in New York.

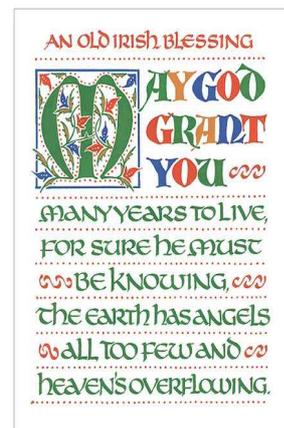
Father Duffy's career as an Army chaplain began with a brief tour of duty during the Spanish-American War when he was stationed at Montauk Point, Long Island. In 1912 he became pastor of Our Savior parish in the Bronx, and in 1914 he was appointed chaplain of the 69th Infantry Regiment of the New York National Guard. The "Fighting Sixty-Ninth," a basically Irish regiment, although containing members of other ethnic groups, had served with distinction during the Civil War. It was called up briefly during the Spanish-American War, and also in 1916, when it served on the Mexican border during General Pershing's Punitive expedition. When the US entered World War I, the regiment was renumbered the 165th Infantry and assembled at Camp Mills, New York. Assigned to be part of the new Rainbow (42nd) Division, its members continued to refer to the regiment by its traditional sobriquet.

Chaplain Duffy, by now a major and the senior chaplain of the 42nd Division, became an inspirational focus for the division and later for the A.E.F. The poet Joyce Kilmer writing about the voyage of the division across the Atlantic, observed that every day there could be seen a line of soldiers, "as long as the mess-line," waiting their turn to have Duffy hear their confessions. Every morning, Kilmer noted, a large crowd of soldiers would gather amidships on the transport where Chaplain Duffy would say Mass at an altar made from a long board resting on two nail kegs.

Arriving in France in November 1917, the division spent the winter training and in late February 1918, took over front-line trenches from French forces at Luneville in the Lorraine sector. At dawn on March 20, Duffy and the men of the 42nd received their first serious baptism of fire when a barrage of mustard gas shells burst among them. The bombardment lasted two days and there were over 400 casualties, the majority of them blinded.

For Chaplain Duffy, the next few months were to be filled with such scenes. He was most often found along the front lines hearing confessions and saying Mass, as well as visiting and counseling the soldiers. It was by his "ministry of presence" that he had his greatest influence and became an almost a legendary figure. Once the fighting began, he often traveled with a unit first-aid station, providing physical and spiritual care to the wounded and the dying. His presence on the battlefield was inspirational. Duffy was always near the heaviest fighting, exposing himself to constant danger as he moved from unit to unit.

His decorations included the Distinguished Service Cross and the Distinguished Service Medal. After the war, Duffy returned to a new parish in New York City. As pastor of the Holy Cross Church on 42nd Street, just off Broadway, the "actor's Church, Father Duffy added to his already great popularity. In 1919, he published a best selling book, *Father Duffy's Story*, chronicling his experience in the Great War. He died on 26 June 1932. In the 1940s movie *The Fighting 69th*, Father Duffy is portrayed by [Pat O'Brien](#). (This is taken from the [69th's website](#))



MARK YOUR CALENDARS – When shown, Click on links in calendar to hear song selections from the artists And ALWAYS click the links below to get the latest updates on upcoming events <http://richmondias.org/events.php> or for a full month calendar of current events click here. [IAS Calendar](#)

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| May 30 - IAS Wreath Presentation | Memorial Day Service at Virginia War Memorial, 621 South Belvidere Street. Open to Public, Presentation of IAS Wreath in honor of Irish veterans. Click link for event information & times http://www.vawarmemorial.org/news-events/ |
| June 1, – 7pm Williamsburg Library | FREE Celtic Film Series: Bloom (2004, rated R) Williamsburg Library Theatre, 515 Scotland Street On the morning of the 16th June, 1904, Leopold Bloom (Stephen Rea) set out on a journey that was to become one of the greatest tales of the 20th century |
| June 5th IAS SUMMER PICNIC | The world famous IAS Summer Picnic – Mark your calendars and make your plans to attend the Picnic. Again this year at the Burke’s farm in Amelia. A wonderful setting – bring a dish to pass, lawn chairs and beverages, Dogs and Burgers supplied. More information in the May newsletter. But mark that calendar today! ☺ |
| June 12th | IAB Board Meeting – Location to be determined. Call for info and directions. 804-233-2113 |
| June 18th Irish Music Session – 7pm | Bernard Farrell and local Irish musicians gather at Finn McCool’s for a traditional music session. Finn’s is located at 4028 J Cox Road (near the intersection of Cox & Broad St.) Glen Allen, VA 23060 (804) 217-8167 You can check out the website at this link http://www.finnmccoolsrichmond.com/index.html |
| July 16th Irish Music Session – 7pm | Bernard Farrell and local Irish musicians gather at Finn McCool’s for a traditional music session. Finn’s is located at 4028 J Cox Road (near the intersection of Cox & Broad St.) Glen Allen, VA 23060 (804) 217-8167 You can check out the website at this link http://www.finnmccoolsrichmond.com/index.html |
| August 17th Summertime St. Patty’s Day Celebration - Irish Heritage Night at the Diamond! \$10.00 Tickets to sit together – call Dan Begley. 804- | Irish Night at the Richmond Diamond. There will be a band playing on the concourse and we have box seats for \$10. Ask folks to let me know if they plan to attend at 740-5631.Thanks, Dan - Thank you for your interest in our Irish Heritage Night! We are looking forward to a fun time! Irish Heritage Night is on Wednesday, August 17th and we are calling it our Summertime St. Patty’s Day Celebration, The Gate opens at 6pm with the game starting at 7:05pm. The game is between the Richmond Flying Squirrels – Double-A affiliate of the San Francisco Giants and the Bowie BaySox – Double-A affiliate of the Baltimore Orioles. www.squirrelsbaseball.com The players will all be wearing Green Shamrock jerseys that will be auctioned off to benefit our Irish Night sponsor, The International Child-Fund organization. http://www.childfund.org The Su Tarr band will perform pre-game on the main stage with a blend of Irish and Celtic music. Su is an IAS favorite and friend – and the finest Irish/Celtic fiddler in these here parts. And also, the Muggivan School of Irish Dance will also perform in between innings showing off their great abilities! |
| August 20th Irish Music Session – 7pm | Bernard Farrell and local Irish musicians gather at Finn McCool’s for a traditional music session. Finn’s is located at 4028 J Cox Road (near the intersection of Cox & Broad St.) Glen Allen, VA 23060 (804) 217-8167 You can check out the website at this link. http://www.finnmccoolsrichmond.com/index.html |
| Sept 17th Irish Music Session – 7pm | Bernard Farrell and local Irish musicians gather at Finn McCool’s for a traditional music session. Finn’s is located at 4028 J Cox Road (near the intersection of Cox & Broad St.) Glen Allen, VA 23060 (804) 217-8167 You can check out the website at this link. http://www.finnmccoolsrichmond.com/index.html |
| Oct 15th Irish Music Session – 7pm | Bernard Farrell and local Irish musicians gather at Finn McCool’s for a traditional music session. Finn’s is located at 4028 J Cox Road (near the intersection of Cox & Broad St.) Glen Allen, VA 23060 (804) 217-8167 You can check out the website at this link. http://www.finnmccoolsrichmond.com/index.html |
| Nov19th Irish Music Session – 7pm | Bernard Farrell and local Irish musicians gather at Finn McCool’s for a traditional music session. Finn’s is located at 4028 J Cox Road (near the intersection of Cox & Broad St.) Glen Allen, VA 23060 (804) 217-8167 You can check out the website at this link. http://www.finnmccoolsrichmond.com/index.html |

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| Dec 17th Irish Music Session – 7pm | Bernard Farrell and local Irish musicians gather at Finn McCool's for a traditional music session. Finn's is located at 4028 J Cox Road (near the intersection of Cox & Broad St.) Glen Allen, VA 23060 (804) 217-8167 You can check out the website at this link. http://www.finnmccoolsrichmond.com/index.html |
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